

## Meeting 10/24/23 Metro Booster Club

Attendance:

Satyen Vora	Tenelle Buford
Khalfani Coleman	David Custis
Denise LeBegue	Merv Schrock
Michele Coleman	Christina Robinson
Ellen Kunkelmann	Patty Schneider Gibson

1. Discuss open positions that need to be filled for Booster Club to obtain non-profit status and conduct fundraisers. Volunteers stepped forward for these positions:
  - a. Secretary – Michele Coleman
  - b. Parliamentarian (Sergeant at Arms) – Christina Robinson
  - c. Vice President (Alternate President) - open at meeting but later filled by Patty Schneider Gibson
2. Review draft version of bylaws provided by David Custis. Proposed changes where needed. Revisions will be worked into the draft and distributed to members for further review and eventual vote by the Board.
3. Discussed the availability of transportation to games.
  - a. Coach T explained that buses are provided by the district to games in our conference.
  - b. Student-athletes would have to leave for the games immediately following school. Athletes would have to wait at the game location for an hour or more. This is not the best option for our students, so teams have arranged transportation through upper class teammates and parents.
  - c. Out of conference games would have district-provided transportation there, but not home after games.
  - d. The bus company is unreliable. Teams could be late or miss games altogether if a bus does not show up.
  - e. Coaches are not allowed to transport students for liability reasons.
4. Discussion of transportation led to the suggestion of recruiting Parent Liaisons for each sport.
  - a. Parent liaisons could help arrange transportation to games.
  - b. Assist coach with after school snacks or during game water/sport drinks.
  - c. Make sure all student athletes have a ride home.
  - d. Help arrange pre-season parent meet up.
  - e. There was positive feedback to this idea, but no decision was made to make this a focus of the Booster Club. More discussion is needed.
5. Reviewed draft budget provided by David Custis.

- a. Dave's budget adds up to \$27,315, so our fundraising needs to be in the \$20,000-\$30,000 range.
  - b. The fall sports have already exhausted the athletic department's funds from SLPS.
  - c. Coaches have provided input as to their needs and wishes. These will be incorporated into the final budget which will be distributed to Board Members for a vote.
  - d. District provides uniforms every other year. Some sports will need infill uniforms on the odd years and items that are not provided by the district like warm ups for basketball.
  - e. District also provides some equipment, but it is often not the equipment needed or the quality needed by Metro teams.
6. Spirit Wear
- a. We raised about \$400 from the spirit wear store open in Aug-Sept.
  - b. South City Sporting Goods ran the store and printed the orders for us, but they are open to having another business handle the screenprinting.
  - c. The Coleman family has a business that can screen print our orders. Also we can vary the artwork (even parent or student created logos). There would be a digitizing process for any new artwork that requires two weeks lead time.
  - d. Chunzi Peng, a freshman parent, has volunteered to create artwork for spirit wear.
  - e. Recommended to get kids' input of desired items before opening another store.
  - f. We may open another spirit store with items to be delivered in time for winter holidays.
7. Winter Sports
- a. Basketball team is having alumni game fundraisers on November 18 at Matthews Dickey. Men's game at 12:30 and women's at 2:00. Suggested donation \$10 for admission.
  - b. We could use volunteers for alumni game, parent liaisons for winter sports, parent-run concessions for winter sports (when possible).
  - c. Both basketball teams could use warm ups. Cheer and basketball players could use new bags.
8. Meeting adjourned at 8:30